

segregated fund to be utilized for political purposes, except as provided in G.S. 163-278.13, and those individuals shall be deemed to become and be a political committee as that term is defined in G.S. 163-278.1(14); provided, however, that it shall be unlawful for any such fund to make a contribution or expenditure by utilizing contributions secured by physical force, job discrimination, financial reprisals or the threat of force, job discrimination or financial reprisals, or by dues, fees, or other monies required as a condition of membership or employment or as a requirement with respect to any terms or conditions of employment, including, without limitation, hiring, firing, transferring, promoting, demoting, or granting seniority or employment related benefits of any kind, or by monies obtained in any commercial transaction whatsoever.

(c) A violation of this section shall be punishable by a fine of not less than one hundred dollars (\$100.00) nor more than five thousand dollars (\$5,000), or imprisonment of not more than one year, or by both fine and imprisonment. In addition, the acceptance of any contribution, expenditure, payment, reimbursement, indemnification, or anything of value under subsection (a) shall be unlawful and the defendant shall be subject to the same punishment as set forth in this subsection.

“§ 163-278.13. *Disclosure before soliciting contributions.*—(a) It shall be unlawful for one or more individuals acting in concert, or for any group, committee, club or organization, of any type or nature, of two or more individuals, to solicit, attempt to solicit, or receive contributions for the purpose of supporting a candidate, political committee, or political party without first clearly advising those solicited as follows:

- (1) The name of the candidate(s) for whom the contribution will be used;  
or
- (2) The name of the political committee or party for which the funds will be used; or
- (3) That a decision will be reached later as to the candidate(s), political committee(s), or political party(ies) to be supported and that the contributions solicited will be expended in a manner and for a purpose to be determined at a future date but no later than 20 days prior to the pending primary or general election.

(b) A violation of this section shall be punishable by a fine not less than one hundred dollars (\$100.00) nor more than five thousand dollars (\$5,000), or imprisonment of not more than one year, or by both fine and imprisonment.

“§ 163-278.14. *Promulgation of policy and administration through Board.*—The Board shall have responsibility, and adequate staff and facilities, for promulgating all necessary regulations and the administration of this Article. The Board may empower the Executive Secretary-Director with responsibility for the administrative operations required to effect this Article and may delegate or assign to him such other duties from time to time by regulations or orders of the Board. However, the Board shall not delegate the making of regulations to the Executive Secretary-Director or other staff personnel.

“§ 163-278.15. *Duties of Board.*—It shall be the duty and power of the Board:

- (1) To prescribe forms of statements and other information required to be filed by this Article, to furnish such forms to the county boards of elections and individuals, media or others required to file such statements and information, and to prepare, publish and distribute or cause to be distributed to all candidates at the time they file notices of candidacy a manual setting forth the provisions